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ORNAN A. GERSTEL ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/886,153)
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For: SHARED OPTICAL RING)
PROTECTION IN A MULTI-)
FIBER RING)
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For the concise statement of relevance for the non-English documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, the Examiner is referred to the corresponding English abstracts attached thereto.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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